

REMARKS

Claims 49-54, 56-75, 77-88, and 90-99 are pending in the application. Claims 1-48, 55, 73-82 and 98 have been cancelled. Claims 49-54, 56-72, 83-97 and 99 accordingly remain pending in the application.


Claims 73-75, 77-82 and 98 stood rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Date et al. in view of Hejna, Jr. While Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, Applicant has nevertheless cancelled Claims 73-75, 77-82 and 98. The rejection is thus believed moot.

The Decision on Appeal mailed April 4, 2011 affirmed the rejection of Claims 73-75, 77-82 and 98, but reversed the rejection of Claims 49-54, 56-72, 83-88 and 90-97 and 99.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/6000-04802/BNK.

Respectfully submitted,



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